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SUBJECT: VISIT TO FRANCE OF DRV DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER

1. QUAI OFFICER TOLD EMBOFF THAT SRV DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH WAS SCHEDULED TO COME TO FRANCE SHORTLY, BUT THAT THE SRV WAS RELUCTANT TO FIX THE DATE. (EMBOFF HAD JUST HEARD OF THE VISIT FROM A JOURNALIST.) THE QUAI WONDERED WHETHER THE DATE OF THE US/SRV TALKS (WHICH HE HAD READ WOULD BE "SOON") MIGHT BE PLAYING A ROLE IN THE FIXING OF THE EVENTUAL DATE. QUAI OFFICER SAID THAT THACH WOULD BE DISCUSSING WITH THE GOF THE GENERAL INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND ALSO BILATERAL PROBLEMS.

2. DRV FIRST SECRETARY DO THANH NOTED IN AN OFF HAND MANNER THAT THACH'S VISIT HAD ALREADY BEEN SCHEDULED, BUT THACH WAS FORCED TO DELAY THE VISIT BECAUSE OF "EVENTS AT HOME." IT WILL BE RESCHEDULED SOON, DO THANH THOUGHT. AS FOR PHAM VAN DONG'S VISIT TO FRANCE, IT WAS NOW FAIRLY CLEAR THAT IT WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL 1977. RUSH

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